

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF DEFENSE MOBILIZATION**

**APPLICATION OF DISPERSION STANDARDS TO FACILITIES
OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH - USE OF EXISTING FACILITIES**

The following standards are for the guidance of Executive Branch agencies in the acquisition of facilities in the U. S., its territories and possessions in order to assure that due consideration is given to the hazard of enemy attack and to the utilization of existing facilities appropriately located.

1. Definitions.

a. New construction is the future construction of a facility or major addition to an existing facility. It does not include protection construction, or minor additions, structural changes, alterations, rehabilitation and repairs to existing facilities.

b. An urban target zone is a densely populated or highly industrialized section of an urban area determined by the Department of Commerce in accordance with the formula set forth in the Industrial Dispersion Guidebook for Communities, (Domestic Commerce Series No. 31).

c. Major military installations and critical facilities are those installations determined by the Department of Defense to be probable targets for nuclear attack.

2. Dispersion Standards. New construction shall be undertaken and space shall be acquired for any Executive Branch agency only when located 10 or more miles from the perimeter of an urban target zone, major military installation, or other critical facility. Exceptions may be made when it is determined by the head of the agency having authority to construct facilities or acquire space that the nature of the activity for which the facility is to be used will not permit the use of a dispersed location.

3. Use of Existing Facilities. New construction shall be undertaken by an Executive Branch agency only when it is determined by the head of the agency having authority to construct facilities and acquire space that existing Government facilities appropriately located are not available, and privately-owned facilities appropriately located cannot be leased, purchased, or otherwise acquired on reasonable terms.

4. Information. Information as to whether proposed locations conform to dispersion standards may be obtained from the Area Development Division, Department of Commerce, Washington 25, D. C.